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The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" The order was passed quite recently, because there was a variety of opinions expressed on the expediency of the measure. Finally, the Government have, as is noted down here, approved of the formation of two additional subdivisions and twelve additional sections. Having regard to what has fallen from the hon. Member I shall see that it is given effect to immediately."

Construction of locks for Ellore canal, etc.

* 170 Q.—Mr. M. Seetayya : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is proposed to construct a lock at the head of the Ellore canal and a lock at the head of the Bandar canal in the Kistna delta and if so, when ?

A.—Yes ; the works will be begun this year.

Restoration of the anicut across the Noyal river.

* 171 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what state the matter of restoring the anicut across the Noyal river near Agrahara Periapalayam is at present ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer recommended the restoration and the Superintending Engineer approved of the recommendation ;

(*c*) what the estimated cost of the restoration is ; and

(*d*) when the work is going to be commenced and when it is expected to be finished ?

A.—(*a*) Detailed estimates are being prepared by the Superintending Engineer.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Roughly Rs. 15,000 for restoring the anicut, and Rs. 2,500 for excavating the channel.

(*d*) The work will be begun when the estimates are sanctioned and funds provided.

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" The amount being a small one, may I know whether the Executive Engineer or the Superintending Engineer that should sanction the money, or the Government ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Government, Sir."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Will the Government be pleased to see that the money is allotted as early as possible ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" They will do their best, Sir."

Anicut across the Noyal river.

* 172 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there has been a proposal to put up an anicut across the Noyal river near Anaipalaiyam, a few miles from the Uttukuli railway station in the Coimbatore district ;